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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, WB, GE, GW, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMENTS ON RECENT BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS

1. A SOVIET OFFICIAL HERE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE
RUSSIANS APPROVED GDR PROPOSALS FOR THE RECENT ACTIONS
IN EAST BERLIN BECAUSE THEY DID NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORT-
ANCE TO THEM.

2. DURING A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON BERLIN, LARGELY ALONG
TRADITIONAL LINES' AN OFFICIAL AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY
YESTERDAY TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT "WHEN THE
NEW MEASURES WERE PROPOSED TO US, WE APPROVED THEM
BECAUSE WE DID NOT REGARD THEM AS SIGNIFICANT." IN THE
CONTEXT, HE APPEARED TO BE SUGGESTING THAT IT WAS THE
EAST GERMANS WHO HAD PROPOSED THE MEASURES.

2. THE OFFICIAL INVOLVED DOES NOT NORMALLY HANDLE
BERLIN AFFAIRS. THEREFORE, HIS COMMENTS PROBABLY DO
NOT PRESAGE THE OFFICIAL SOVIET RESPONSE TO ANY PROTEST
WE MIGHT MAKE, BUT HE WOULD PROBABLY BE WELL ENOUGH
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INFORMED TO HAVE SPOKEN ACCURATELY ABOUT THE BACKGROUND
OF THE SOVIET DECISION.
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